had been approved by the Planning Commission for modernisation and labour rationalisation schemes of NTC;

Deployment of RPCF, BSF, etc. in States

305. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the strength of CRPF, BSF and Army personnel stationed in Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat during the last three years to control the law and order situation in the States;

(b) what is the number of CRPF, BSF and Army personnel injured and killed on duty in connection with clashes during the same period;

(c) what is the number of civilians injured or killed by the CRPF, BSF and the Army in these clashes; and

(d) what is the amount of compensation given in each case to the victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Law and order is the responsibility of the State Govt. and the Army and para-military forces are deployed on request by the State Govt. concerned for assisting the State Police in meeting law and order situations. It will not be in public interest to disclose the strength of Army/BSF/CRPF deployed in these States during the last three years.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) The Army/BSF/CRPF act with utmost caution and resort to firing during encounters with suspected terrorists or during clashes created by anti-social elements and miscreants only in self-defence. The question of their killing any innocent person does not therefore arise.

Killing of Tamilians in Sri Lanka

306. SHRI F.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of civilian Tamils killed/injured in Sri Lanka during the last three months;

(b) the total number of refugees who arrived in India from Sri Lanka during the same period;

(c) whether any talks were held between the Government of India and the Government of Sri Lanka recently with a view to finding a solution to the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI (K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) There are no precise figures but it is estimated that in the military operations from May 26 over 650 Tamil civilians were killed and a large number injured.

(b) From January to May 87, 284 refugees had come into India. In June 87, 1882 refugees arrived in India.

(c) and (d) Since June, 87 talks have been renewed between the Governments of India and Sri Lanka. These talks are still continuing.

Communal Riots

307. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of incidents of communal disturbances that took place during the last two months in various States;